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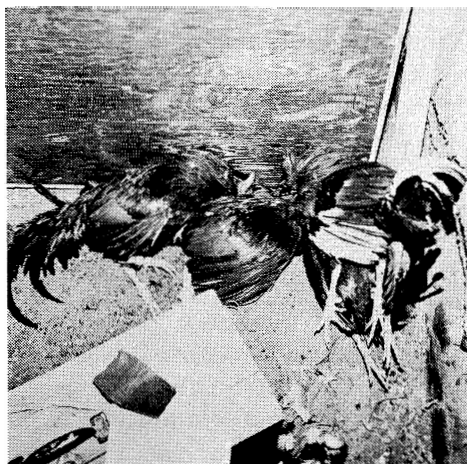
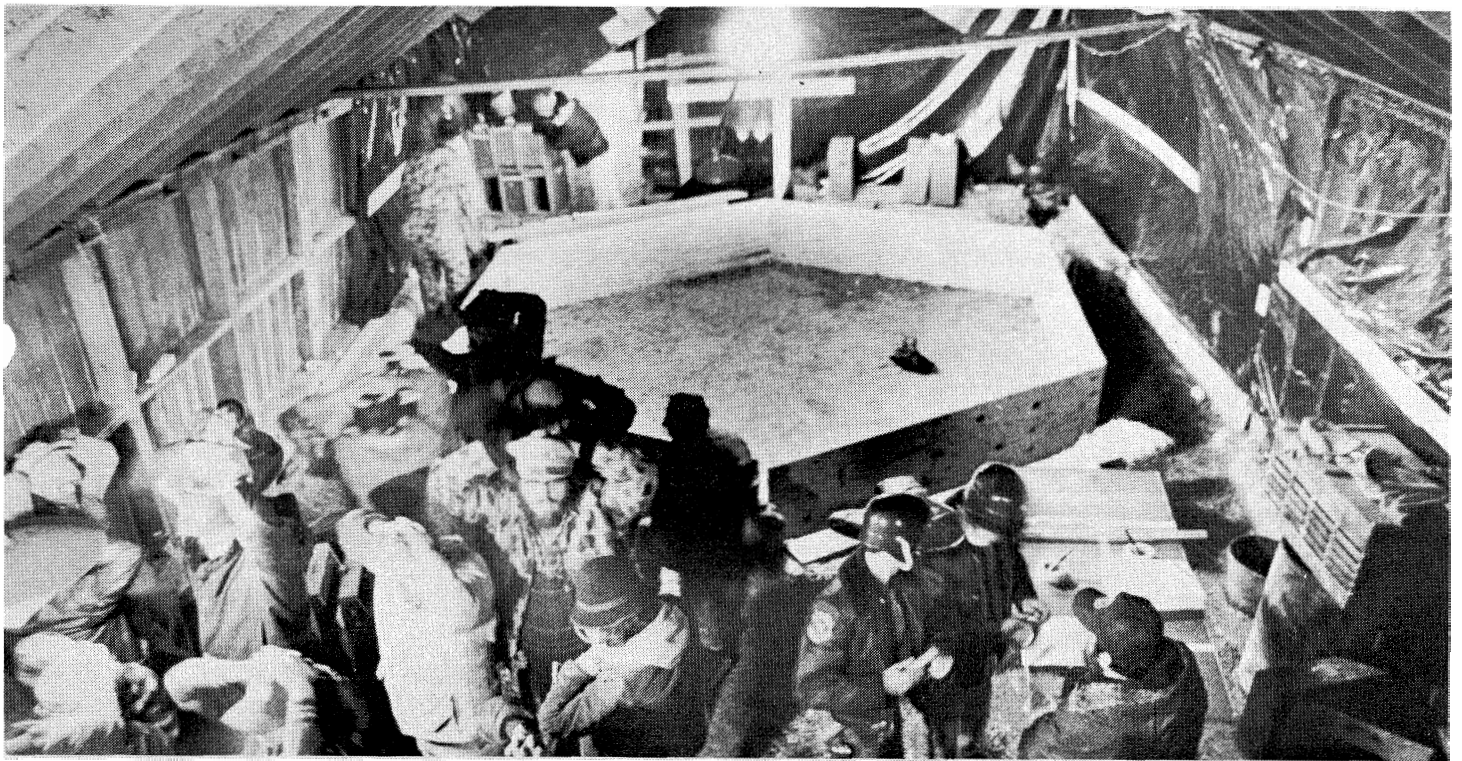
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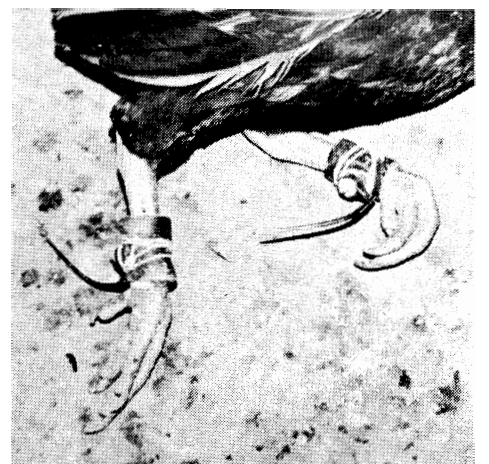
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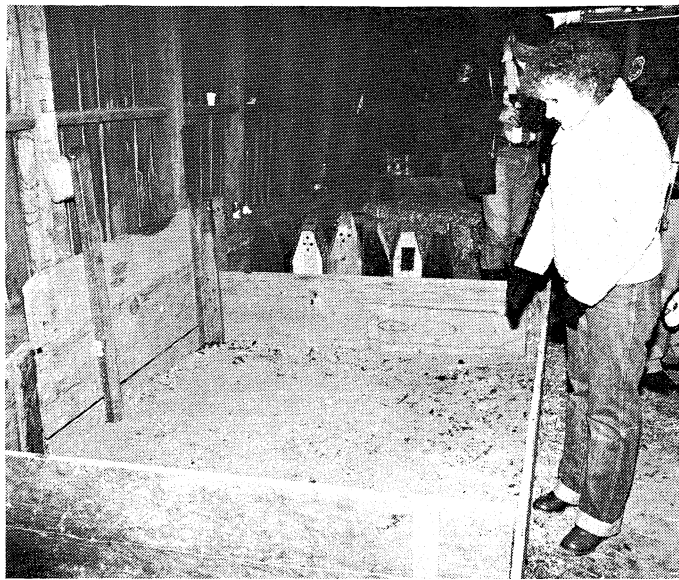
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HSUS Moves Against Area Cockfighters



Above, an HSUS raiding team and officers of the Lenawee County Sheriff's Office broke up a cockfight near Adrian, Michigan, in late January, arresting 33 people. Left, dead roosters attest to the viciousness of this bloody activity. Right, a close-up of the sharp metal spurs, or gaffs, used by cockfighters.





Regional Director Sandy Rowland examines a "drag pit" during the Michigan raid. When fights in the main pit "drag on" too long, they are moved to this small pit so the action can continue.

Cockfighting

The Great Lakes Office began its current investigation into illegal cockfighting in the region after receiving a series of tips late last fall. Working with law enforcement officers in both Michigan and Ohio, Field Investigator Tim Greyhavens was able to penetrate the bloody world of cockfighting and gather firsthand knowledge of both fighters and fight locations.

In Michigan, the GLRO worked with the Lenawee County Sheriff's Office and the Lenawee Humane Society to set up the raid near Adrian on a cold January night. Found at the site of this fight were 27 live and 18 dead gamecocks, fighting paraphernalia such as metal gaffs, and a trophy for the winner of the night's contests.

Twenty six people arrested that night have already come to trial, with sentences ranging from \$500 and 15 days in jail for the fighters to \$100 (the maximum fine), court costs and 40 hours of public service work for the spectators. The promoter and man in charge of the barn where the fight was held was convicted on two felony counts of animal fighting. He faces a sentence of up to a \$5,000 fine and four years in jail under Michigan's tough laws.

Unfortunately, Ohio has a very weak misdemeanor law for cockfighting, making the state a haven for fighters from across the country. Near Portsmouth, Ohio, Greyhavens penetrated a cockfight attended by over 350 people, but because of the state's weak law, only 11 people were arrested in a raid that took place in late March. Notebooks containing the names and addresses of over 1100 people who had attended fights at this location during the past few months were also found. This information will be used to help build a case for strengthening Ohio's law in the near future.

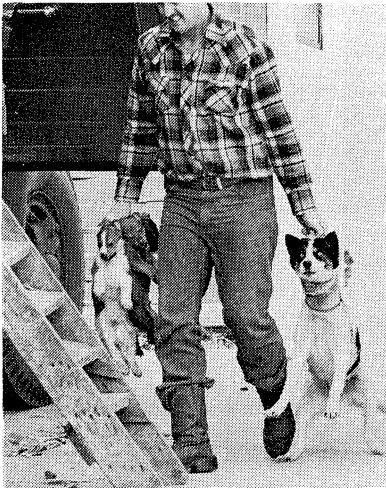
Bunching Battle

The Great Lakes office continues to work to halt bunching operations in its region. (Bunching is a term used by animal dealers to describe persons who collect dogs or other animals for sale to research facilities and, sometimes, to individuals.)

In February, the GLRO was granted a permanent injunction against the Champaign County Commissioners and Kiser Lake Kennels. The order was handed down by Judge Roger Wilson of the Champaign County Common Pleas Court.

Less than one month later a bill was introduced in the Ohio legislature that, if passed, will change the law so that bunching will become legal in Ohio. Sponsored by Rep. Walter McClaskey, HB 890 paves the way for any USDA licensed dealer to collect dogs from Ohio pounds. The GLRO testified before the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee against this damaging legislation. Citizens from all over the state are responding by protesting passage of this bill to their state representatives and state senators.

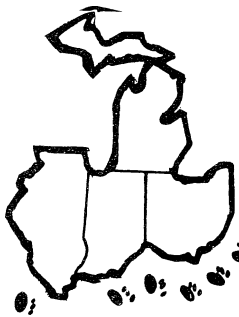
The HSUS has been actively working against "bunchers" in our region in an attempt to prevent pets like these from being taken for research.



Dogfighting Update

During late November and early January of last year, the GLRO took part in a multi-state investigation of dogfighting that led to the arrests of 47 individuals in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. As this report goes to press, four men have pled guilty to felony counts of dogfighting in Lucas County, Ohio, where the GLRO worked with the Toledo Humane Society and local law enforcement officers. Sentencing for the four men is still scheduled, and three others charged in the case have yet to come to trial.

In Ann Arbor, Michigan, the Humane Society of Huron Valley has had four of 23 individuals arrested at a dogfight on November 28 plead guilty to charges filed against them. The remaining subjects are awaiting trial on both felony and misdemeanor charges. And in Milwaukee, five individuals have pled guilty to charges filed against them by the Wisconsin Humane Society. Twelve others were charged with dogfighting, or attending a dogfight, and are still awaiting trial.



Around the Region

The Michigan Federation of Humane Societies celebrated its 50th birthday by holding a "Golden Jubilee Celebration Workshop for Humanitarians" on April 23-25 in Lansing, Michigan. Members of the Federation as well as HSUS staff members John Hoyt, Phyllis Wright, Sandy Rowland, and Tim Greyhavens led the participants in workshop sessions. Certificates of Appreciation were presented at an awards banquet held on the Saturday evening of the workshop.

Indiana residents have launched a massive petition campaign in hopes of securing hundreds of thousands of signatures to present to state legislators asking them to act promptly to make dogfighting a felony in the Hoosier state. The effort is being promoted by veterinarians, groomers, and humanitarians. If you would like to circulate a petition, you may obtain one by contacting this office.

The newly formed Humane Alliance of Northwestern Ohio sponsored a very successful two-day seminar for humane officers on April 16 and 17 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Coordinated by the Great Lakes Regional Office, the workshop featured speakers from the field of law enforcement, an attorney, a veterinarian, a USDA employee, and HSUS's Tim Greyhavens.

The City of Cleveland Spay/Neuter Clinic located at 2690 West 7th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 44113 reports having performed 1740 surgeries in 1981. The city-owned and operated clinic has been open since mid-1979. Each surgery costs \$15.00. The clinic may be used by any resident of Cleveland.

In Dayton, Ohio, Citizens for Humane Education held a rally early this winter to bring to public attention the fact that fur garments are the product of a great deal of suffer-

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The annual slaughter of harp seals prompted protests around our region, including one that drew over 100 people to Cleveland's Public Square. Pictured above at the protest are (left to right) Michael O'Sullivan, Manager of the Essex County (Ontario) Humane Society, Fran Goldlust and Jackie Kaplansky of Valley Saye-A-Pet (organizers of the protest), and GLRO Director Sandy Rowland.

ing for thousands of animals caught in leghold traps. This rally was covered by the local media.

Peoria, Illinois, Animal Control sponsored an animal welfare seminar on May 22. The workshop included sessions in emergency first aid, field investigations, stress management, and communications.

ANIMAL NEEDS: National and Regional

The Great Lakes Regional Office of The Humane Society of the United States coordinates national programs with direct attention to this region. You are aware that our major concern is the prevention of cruelty and suffering to animals.

Among our several programs which address the needs of animals is one which provides for your financial needs and at the same time creates a future gift for animal welfare.

If you would like to know more about the dual benefits of our Life Income Program, please send for the society's brochure entitled "Planning for the Future."

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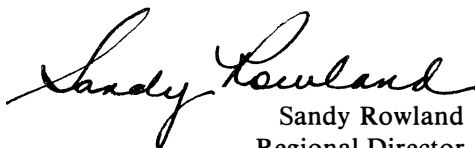
In a small town in our region the animal shelter received a call that two dogs were tied outside. The city was flooding and the waters were already up to the dogs' necks. The humane society sent a person to the scene to rescue the dogs but it was unlikely the dogs could be reached in time to save them.

In Port Clinton, Ohio, the frigid spring waters of Lake Erie were rising with such force the residents had to be awakened during the middle of the night. They were told they could not take their pets with them as they were evacuated. No one knows how many pets died in the icy waters that inundated the town.

If an emergency situation should strike your community, are you prepared to respond as a humane society? The bitter cold of winter and rampant floods of spring have served to remind us of the need for an emergency rescue plan for every shelter and humane society.

If you don't already have plans for aiding animals in the aftermath of disasters, you should initiate a plan now and make it a priority. You may include in your plan that The HSUS may be called upon if the problem is of such magnitude that outside assistance is needed.

Please don't wait. It may be too late for the animals' sake.



Sandy Rowland
Regional Director
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